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THREE CENTS

Arthur P. Fitt

Arthur Percy Fitt, son-in-law and former associate of D. L. Moody, died suddenly Monday night at Green Pastures, his home here. He retired early in the evening, apparently in good health, but passed away quietly in his sleep.

Born in Ireland, Oct. 5, 1869, Mr. Fitt graduated with honors from Dublin University in 1892 and was studying at the University's law school when he was offered a position as secretary to D. L. Moody, who was then in the midst of one of his evangelistic campaigns in Great Britain. Mr. Fitt accepted and joined the Moody staff in time to participate in the Moody gospel meetings at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. He was closely associated with Mr. Moody until the evangelist's death in 1899. He married Moody's daughter Emma in 1934.

After Mr. Moody's death, Mr. Fitt spent several years in Chicago, assisting in the administration of the Moody Bible Institute. From 1917 to 1919 he served with the American YMCA in France and in 1919 he became editor of "Record of Christian Work," official publication of the Northfield Schools, which Moody also founded. He retired in 1933 and in recent years has been engaged in the insurance business.

Because of his close association with Moody Mr. Fitt was regarded as one of the most competent authorities on matters pertaining to the evangelist's career. He was frequently consulted by authors and biographers and was chosen to catalogue the vast amount of Moodiana contributed to the Moody Museum, which was opened here a few years ago. He was also a biographer in his own right, having written "Moody Still Lives" in 1936 and also, in collaboration with the evangelist's younger son, Paul Dwight Moody, "The Shorter Life of D. L. Moody" in 1900.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Emma Moody Fitt Powell of East Northfield and four grandchildren: Virginia Moody Powell, now serving with the Red Cross in Saipan, Edward M., Jr., a student at the University of North Carolina, David and John Powell, both students at Mount Hermon School.

A memorial service was held at the home on Main Street Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

Gideon Camp Elects

At the recent meeting of the Franklin County Gideon Camp held at the home of Ernest W. Dunklee in South Vernon, he was again reelected the organization's president; Ernest Q. Whitney of Mount Hermon, vice-president; Herman L. Dickenson of Mount Hermon, secretary; Chellis Hersey of Turners Falls, treasurer; Raymond Sheperd of Greenfield, Bible secretary; Thomas Tippet of Turners Falls, assignments and Gordon C. Buffum of this town as chaplain.

Rabbit Hollow Camp

Northfield has heard much of Rabbit Hollow Camp during the past few years and much hospitality has been extended to it by friends here, especially by Monroe Smith and his wife, directors of the Youth Hostel. It is located near Winchester, N. H., and is now used by a church in Upper New York for the benefit of its Negro children and directed by its minister. The camp also cares for some white children. The Christian Associations of Amherst College, Smith, Mount Holyoke, American International, Springfield and Massachusetts State are interested in the camp and several students from these colleges are making improvements to the camp to prepare it for this summer's use. No doubt the campers will visit this town often during their stay.

Sacred Music Concert

The Auditorium will be filled to capacity for the fifty-third Annual Concert of Sacred Music next Sunday, May 11. Nine hundred parents of Northfield and Mount Hermon students from as far away as Ohio and the Carolinas have made reservations and the 750 remaining seats have been promised to alumni and friends of the schools.

Tickets will be distributed to holders of reservations at the Auditorium from 2:30 until 3:30 Sunday afternoon and the Concert will begin at 3:45. Arrangements have been made for those who cannot secure reservations in the Auditorium to hear the program in Russell Sage Chapel over the public address system.

Annual Tree Day

The annual Tree Day pageant of the Northfield School for Girls will be held on Marquand Field near Perry Pond this Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The program of dances was planned and executed by the students and will be based on tales from Greek Mythology including those of Pyramus and Thisbe, Hero and Leander, Daphne and Apollo, Minerva and Arachne, Echo, and Orpheus and Eurydice, with background music by Glazounoff, the Coppelia Ballet Suite by Delibes, Ravel, Verdi, Gounod, and Lecuona.

Highlight of the afternoon will be the procession of the May Queen and her court and the dances will conclude with the traditional Maypole dance. The Queen will be chosen from the court of fourteen girls, which includes Christine Bosshard and Evangeline Peterson of Worcester, Joan Colt, Providence, Meredith Cushman and Julia McGill of New York, Anita Dencks, Larchmont, New York, Ruth Fabricius of Baldwinville, Audrey Ford, Betsy McCain of Shrdlucumh2.n Ferry, South Orange, N. J., Lois Haberland, Philadelphia, Anne Heap of New Haven, Nancy Houghton, West Hartford, Betsy McCain of Frederick, Md., Joan Pearson, Gardner, and Patricia Rollins of Storrs, Conn.

Speakers Sunday

On Sunday morning at 10:15 o'clock May 11 guest speaker at Russell Sage Chapel on the Northfield campus will be the Rt. Rev. Norman Nash, Bishop of Massachusetts.

President William E. Park will attend the spring meeting of the Board of Trustees of Vassar College this Saturday and on Sunday will preach at the morning service.

Nurse Reports

The report of Miss Natalie Gowen, public health nurse, for April follows: Total visits, 125 chronic, 71; acute, five; infant health supervision, 24; adult health supervision, 11; pre-school health supervision, five; school health supervision, five; tuberculosis, four; one visit with parents not at home; and transportation, 11.

Called To Portsmouth

The Rev. W. Stanley Carne, former pastor of the Northfield Congregational Church, who for the past six years has served as the minister to the Elizabethtown and Lewis, N. Y., Congregational Churches, presented his resignation to the congregation recently in order to accept the call to the Congregational Church (First) of Portsmouth, Va. Acceptance of the resignation was at a meeting on April 25th and Mr. Carne will begin his work at Portsmouth soon. During his residence in Elizabethtown during the war years Mr. Carne has been identified with all war effort, giving much time to the Boy Scouts, the Red Cross and the various drives. He is a director of the hospital, has served as president of Kiwanis, is patron of the Eastern Star, and chairman of the Ministerial Association. He has also been identified with the activities of the various church and ministerial organizations. The church in Portsmouth is in the downtown area of a city of 75,000 people, has a large and active organization. Both Mr. and Mrs. Carne expect to visit friends here before going south.

Scout Cabin Repaired

Considerable repairs are being made to the old Boy Scout cabin on Ashuelot Hill by Leander Kirk, Ralph Livernoise, Edgar Livingston and Raymond Miller. It is being furnished with army double bunk beds and thoroughly renovated and painted. It is hoped to put it to good use soon.

Hiram Bolton Passes

Hiram O. Bolton, a resident of Winchester and member of its board of selectmen, died Thursday at midnight, May 1st, following an emergency operation at the Elliot Community Hospital in Keene. Because of his family and social contacts he was well known in Northfield. Mr. Bolton was 69 years of age and was born January 12, 1878, the son of the late James Henry and Emily Maria (Carleton) Bolton whose large farm was on the Ashuelot hill just north of this town.

He was educated in the schools of Winchester and graduated from its high school. He had just begun his third three-year term as selectman of Winchester; was president of the Ellen Lambert Murphy Memorial; an official of the Cheshire Fair Association and connected with considerable political and civic activities.

For 48 years Mr. Bolton was connected with the Dickinson Lumber Company in charge or its real estate work. He married Jennie Harrison of East Northfield who died in March 1931, and on December 31, 1931, married Doris Chamberlain of this town who with a son, James H., survives. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Leon Davis of Winchester; three brothers, Arthur H. Bolton, J. Lee Bolton of Northfield and George W. Bolton of Winchester. There are several cousins, nephews and nieces. The funeral services were last Sunday afternoon in the O'Connor funeral home

Play Ball Son

"Play ball, son," such is the title of a real worthwhile publication sponsored by the Ford Motor Co. and of which Joe Cronin, manager of the Boston Red Sox, says is the best technical book on baseball ever written for boys. The author is Bert V. Dunne. The pamphlet is in the interest of baseball for boys, young enthusiasts who want full information of the game and how to play it as it is played in the big leagues.

The booklet deals with every phase of baseball and its 64 pages are devoted in chapters to most interesting study. The Ford Motor Company, which has already secured America's most loved player, "Babe" Ruth to direct the great game for boys with instruction, has dedicated "Play Ball Son" to boys and those who are interested can secure a copy free of any charge by calling upon Mr. Spencer of Spencer Brothers, authorized dealers of Ford cars, and other products.

Grange Club

The Northfield Garden Club held its scheduled monthly meeting last Monday evening when Audobon bird pictures were shown by Mr. Mason of the Arcadia Sanctuary of Easthampton. Pupils of our schools were invited guests.

at Winchester with Rev. Edgar A. Flory of the Federated Church officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery at Winchester.

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Bayles - Spaulding

Miss Ruth Evelyn Spaulding, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Spaulding of South Vernon and Herbert LeRoy Bayles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bayles of Baraboo, Wisc., were married Wednesday evening, April 30, in the Advent Christian Church at South Vernon by the bride's father, assisted by Rev. E. W. Blackstone, pastor of the church.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Rev. Willis Spaulding of Kennebunk, Me. Mrs. Blackstone was soloist and Leon Dummell played the wedding marches.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Esther Spaulding, as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were her sister, Miss Barbara Spaulding, and the bridegroom's sister, Miss Helen Bayles of Baraboo. Walter Bruce of this place was best man and ushers were Alton Cutler and Courtland Dunklee.

The bride wore white satin and net with a long train, fingertip veil, and Coronet of seed pearls. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and sweetpeas. The maid of honor wore blue chiffon with short veil to match and carried roses, carnations, and snapdragons. The bridesmaids wore pink and blue chiffon with veils to match.

A reception followed at the Vernon Home after which the young couple left for a wedding trip and upon their return will reside in South Vernon.

The bride, who was born in New Jersey, was educated in Detroit, Mich., and graduated last year from Brattleboro, Vt., High School. The bridegroom was educated in Baraboo and spent three years with the Army in Europe.

Many Unite With Church

It was a memorable day at the Trinitarian Congregational Church last Sunday when at the morning service, thirty-two persons were welcomed into the membership and fellowship of the congregation. Those uniting were the following:

David Roy Bates, Mrs. Mildred Berling, Miss Anne Elizabeth Berling, Mrs. Ruth Irene Bolton, Harold A. Briesmaster, Miss Esther Rose Carter, Miss Emily Carson, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Gillespie, Henry Rogers Gillespie, Miss Alma Goodloe Gillespie, Miss Patricia Carol Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Holbrook, Mrs. Karlene Tyler Holton, Mrs. Max Huber, Mr. and Mrs. William Carl Huber, Donald Gay Huber, Robert Lang Huber, Mrs. Edna May Kelley, Miss Helen Blanche Mitchell, Mrs. Sarah Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Whitney Sanderson, Stephen Bachelor Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. Ansel B. True, and David Baguley Wells.

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With the holding of its scheduled meeting on Friday afternoon, May 2, in Alexander Hall the Fortnightly closes its series of gatherings for this season. It was the annual meeting when reports were received and election of officers took place. Mrs. Cleland Cochrane, the president, presided and she introduced the speaker of the afternoon, David Morton, former teacher of English at Amherst College who read many of his poems, now published in book form. Mrs. Robert N. Taylor rendered several piano selections. At the business session it was voted to pay the expenses of the president to the meeting of the state federation at Swampscott. Mrs. Vivian Scanlon was voted in as a member. Members of the Senior High School class served as hostesses and tea was served.

The result of the election was as follows:

Mrs. Cleland Cochrane, president; Mrs. George Carr, first vice-president; Mrs. Roger Greenwood, second vice-president; Mrs. Chester Parker, recording secretary; Mrs. Robert Abbott, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Paul Mayberry, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Leach, auditor; and Mrs. Stanley Bistrek, Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed, Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mrs. J. V. McNeil, Mrs. Lee Bolton, and Mrs. Dana Leavis, directors.

Members of the new program and music committee named were Mrs. Domenic de Amicis, Mrs. Delmer M. Jewett, Jr., Mrs. Edgar Livingston, Mrs. Arthur Platt, and Mrs. Robert Taylor.

Visit Museum

Seventeen ninth graders, both boys and girls and two teachers from the Bentley private day school of New York City while spending a week at the local Youth Hostel, spent two hours visiting the Northfield Historical Society Museum Saturday afternoon, May 3rd. This was part of their school project. Their progressive school arranges for them to visit various places, then to discuss their experiences, and write a report. Friday evening they were guests at dinner at Northfield School for Girls.

At the Museum they divided into three groups which were guided through the building by Mr. J. Colton, Mrs. Willis Parker, Miss Della White, and Miss Elsie Scott. This arrangement permitted each to see and hear better. In spite of the cold, rainy weather, and the unheated building, they felt the time was well spent.

The Society hopes to have the Museum opened to the public more frequently this summer. No two museums are alike. In several respects this one is unique.

Lt. Col. William M. Marshall and his wife are now at their home on Highland Ave. The Lt.-Col. is on terminal leave.

The New Salem tax rate for this year is up \$10 over last year to \$51. This is the second highest in the county.

Miss Fanny C. Hatch and her sister, who have been in St. Petersburg for the winter, are now located at the Oaks Hotel in Springfield.

Community Club 4

The Community Club of Northfield Farms, school district No. 4, met at Union Hall for their annual session on Wednesday evening, April 30, and after the transaction of business and hearing of reports the election of officers took place. President Lawrence Hammond presided and he has been succeeded by Albert Rice.

Other elected were Glenn Billings, vice-president; Robert Shearer, secretary; Phillip Kavanaugh, treasurer; Rollin Shearer, Lawrence Hammond, Harold Williams and Murray Hammond, directors; Mrs. Agnes Hammond, Mrs. Dorothy Rice, Mrs. Helen Kavanaugh, Mrs. Hazel Kimball, Mrs. Bertha Hammond, Mrs. Alice Billings, Miss Beverley Billings, Aleck Kozlowski, and Norman Fowler, social committee.

After the session a social hour prevailed and refreshments were served. Cards were enjoyed for the remainder of the evening.

Unitarian Church Annual

The Unitarian Church parish held its annual meeting Wednesday evening, April 30, following a supper with Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed and Mrs. Nelson Spring in charge. Members of the AUW waited on table.

Rev. Frank Smith, executive secretary of the New England Council of the American Unitarian Association, brought greetings from the association and commendation for the work done in the past year.

Carroll H. Miller, chairman of the parish committee, presided at the business meeting and was reelected to that office with the following: Mrs.

Josephine Haskell, clerk; Joseph Morgan, treasurer; and Mrs. Susie B. K. Doolittle, auditor.

Members of the parish committee are Mrs. Thomas Parker, Mr. Harold Bigelow, Mrs. John V. McNeil, Mrs. Dean Williams, Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Charles Slate and Carroll H. Miller. Delegates to the May meetings in Boston chosen were Rev. Hazel Rogers Credler, ministerial; Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed and Mrs. Clara Hale.

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Vacations Via Hostel

A splendid readable article in the New York Tribune of May 4 reveals how the American Youth Hostel organization of this town, through its many branches are planning for the vacations of some 15,000 persons who hold its membership. The information

states that the vacations will be inexpensive by hiking and cycling and routes will be through the United States, Canada, Mexico and Europe. Because its European "work projects" begun last year were so successful, the A. Y. H. again will sponsor trips to different parts of the

Continent to help rebuild war-damaged hostels.

The A. Y. H. is sponsoring many other planned trips that are not "work projects." One group will travel in the Rolling Youth Hostel, a railroad box car equipped with bunks, separate washrooms and cooking facilities. This hostel on wheels will serve as a home base for side trips as the group travels across Canada and back through the United States.

Other planned trips will take hostellers cycling through Alaska, Mexico, the Gaspe Peninsula, Montreal and Quebec, the British Isles, Scandinavia and Central Europe.

Another group of ten will pedal down the Pan American Highway through Mexico, Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras and possibly Nicaragua.

Though the A. Y. H. sponsors a variety of planned foreign trips, most hostellers travel unsupervised, either alone, with a friend or in their own group. There is a network of 250 hostels strung out through twenty-eight states. Their simple overnight accommodations are open to all those who travel "under their own steam," hiking, cycling, skiing, canoeing or horseback riding.

Hosteling is for all, regardless of race, religion or nationality. And there are no age restrictions. "The 'youth' refers to spirit," it is explained, "rather than years."

The hostels, maintained by house parents, have separate bunk-rooms and washrooms for boys and girls, a common kitchen where hostellers cook their own food, and sometimes a recreation room. There is a nightly

charge of twenty-five cents, plus a ten-cent fuel fee, with blankets and cooking utensils provided by the hostel. It is a simple life and the few rules aim to keep it so; no hitch hiking, no drinking, no smoking in the hostels and lights out at 10 o'clock.

Hosteling was started in America by Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith in Northfield in 1935 and today has an active membership of over 15,317 which was the record last year. The membership is steadily increasing with the vacation season approaching.

Former Resident Dies

Herbert Duane Field, 78, of Springfield, a native of this town, died Monday night in the Weason Memorial Hospital. He was born here and moved to Springfield in 1916. He was a descendant of Ebenezer Field, one of the first settlers in Northfield. He was formerly in the lumber business and was a member of the Congregational Church.

Besides his widow, the former Nina Moore, he leaves a daughter, Miss Mary Stuart Field, both of Springfield and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in Springfield Thursday afternoon and burial was in the Northfield Center Cemetery.

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Town Topics

The final meeting for the season of
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May 20, with supper and an interest-
ing program.

Mrs. H. F. Cutler of Highland Ave.
entertained the annual meeting of the
Women's Missionary Society of the
Congregational last Wednesday after-
noon.

Mrs. Florence M. Russell and family
of Greenfield will occupy the former
Richardson cottage in Pine Grove,
Rustic Ridge, this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Ray of
Providence have been visiting their
summer home in Mountain Park the
past week and having the grounds
about the house cleaned up.

Miss Sarah Ayers of Danielson,
Conn., has been spending a few days
at her cottage here in the Highlands.

Some of the narrow portions of
Woodruff Way on the roadway of
Rustic Ridge are being widened to
permit safe driving by a crew of
workmen.

The demand for the rental of cot-
tages far exceeds the supply and there
is a call for cottages for sale. Looks
like a good summer season ahead.
The listing and return of the Con-
ference is a good omen.

Graduates of Wellesley College in
this town are much interested in the
effort to secure seven and a half
million dollars by 1950 for an exten-
sive expansion program. It is their
75th anniversary and the campaign
will be inaugurated in June. Dr. Mil-
dred McAfee Horton is president of
the college.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. McNeil of Maple
Street have gone to their summer
home at Desert Island, Maine, for a
short stay to prepare the same for use
this season.

Huber - Burniske

Miss Eileen Mary Burniske, daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Burniske
of Greenfield, and Robert Lang Huber,
son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Huber of
this town were married Monday, May
5, in the rectory of Holy Trinity
Church at Greenfield with Rev. James
W. Casey officiating in the double
ring service. Mrs. George Bassett,
the bride's sister-in-law, was her
matron of honor and George Bassett,
the bride's brother was best man.

The bride wore a white satin,
princess-style dress, with a sweet-
heart neckline and a satin train and
her bouquet was of white roses and
lilies of the valley.

Her matron of honor wore a gown
fashioned with a blue lace bodice and
peplum.

A reception followed the ceremony
at the Bloody Brook Inn.

For traveling on their wedding trip
to Yellowstone Park, the bride wore
a navy blue dress suit. Upon their
return they will reside in East North-
field.

The bride was graduated from
Greenfield High School. The bride-
groom was graduated from Northfield
High School and served in the Marine
Corps for three years in the Pacific
area.

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Carr and
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnes with
Lucky O. Clapp attended the Farm
Bureau meeting which was held at
Montague last week Wednesday.

The tax rate for the progressive
town of Athol has been announced to
be \$51 for this year the highest ever
assessed.

Mrs. Leon R. Alexander of Win-
chester Road, who has been in St.
Petersburg, Florida, the past winter,
has returned to her home.

Miss Janet Janes, daughter of Mrs.
Martin Janes, has returned from the
Keene Community Hospital where she
recently had an appendix operation.
She is making a good recovery.

Rev. W. E. Blackstone of the Ad-
vent Christian Church of South Ver-
non will have charge of the morning
devotions over Radio Station WHAI
in Greenfield Saturday morning during
the month of May.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Prescott, who
have purchased the home of Luman
A. Barber on Main Street, have been
residents of Vernon for some time,
occupying the modernistic Towner
residence not far from the Vernon
church.

The former Biagotti gas station and
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